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CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

The Department of Commerce yesterday announced the following changes in its personnel:

The temporary appointment of Mrs. Mary E. Heltz as laborer at \$40 in the office of the Secretary has been extended. In the Bureau of the Census the temporary appointment of Mrs. Mary E. Heltz as laborer at \$40 in the office of the Secretary has been extended. In the Bureau of the Census the temporary appointment of Mrs. Mary E. Heltz as laborer at \$40 in the office of the Secretary has been extended.

In the Bureau of Standards the temporary appointment of Roger Birdsell as laboratory apprentice at \$180 has been terminated. Andrew W. Galley, laboratory helper at \$60, has resigned, and laboratory appointments have been given to Theodore W. Hildan as electrician at \$40, Howard H. Heltz as laboratory assistant at \$60, and Harry G. Church as laboratory assistant at \$60 at Pittsburgh.

Changes in the Interior Department are announced as follows: Probationary appointments—Miss Dora B. McClellan, of Minnesota, a clerk at \$20 in the office of John A. Johnston, Missouri, and E. K. Kipp, Tennessee, as laborers at \$40, and Morris W. Abel and John F. Guthrie, of the District, as messengers at \$20 in the Patent Office. Miss Ethel M. Dykes, under clerk at \$100 in the Geological Survey, James M. Darby, of the District, as messenger at \$20 in the Reclamation Service, Albert P. Sachs, New York, junior physical chemist, to be stationed at Pittsburgh at \$100 in the Bureau of Mines, James L. Lauriston, California, under clerk at \$20.

Reinstatement—Frank J. B. Simonton, of the District, as messenger boy at \$20 in the General Land Office. Temporary appointments authorized by the Civil Service Commission—Samuel C. Dickinson, Wyoming, under clerk at \$20, duty in San Francisco, Cal., and Russell F. Clark, Pennsylvania, draftsman at \$20 duty in Pittsburgh, in the Bureau of Mines.

Extension of temporary appointments authorized by Civil Service Commission—Miss Hannah J. Hanway, of the District, under clerk at \$20 in the Reclamation Service, Clifford L. Stephens, Pennsylvania, as messenger boy at \$20 in the Bureau of Mines. Promotions—Daniel M. Greene, New York, law examiner at \$150 to clerk at \$180, William C. Black, Pennsylvania, clerk at \$150 to law examiner at \$180, George H. Malone, of the District, clerk at \$120 to \$150, Guy Holopolsky, Pennsylvania, copyist \$50 to clerk at \$120, Louis Lawlich, New York, assistant messenger at \$70 to copyist at \$90, Samuel H. Brent, of the District, laborer at \$60 to assistant messenger at \$70 in the General Land Office.

Transfers—Within the department: Edward T. Dillon, of the District, messenger boy at \$20, from the Reclamation Service to the General Land Office. To other departments: John S. Sherman, Indiana, clerk at \$150 to the Department of Labor from the Patent Office. E. Snow, Kansas, classified laborer at \$40, to the Government Printing Office from the Patent Office.

Resignations—M. Lewis, California, and Andrew H. Bond, Oregon, transit men at \$100 per month in the General Land Office. Horace K. Lockwood, Ohio, clerk at \$20 in the Patent Office. Nathan Comstock, Wisconsin, first assistant examiner at \$200, and Miss Gertrude C. Condon, of the District, copyist at \$90, of the Patent Office. Perceval M. Fox, Pennsylvania, engineer at \$200 in the Reclamation Service. Archie L. Hyde, California, assistant chemist at \$250, of the Bureau of Mines, Massachusetts, electrician at \$130 in the Bureau of Mines.

These three changes have been made in the Government Printing Office. Appointments—Edward Garret, temporary unskilled laborer, Separation—William W. Washington, skilled laborer, Transfer—James Plimack, helper in the stores division to storekeeper.

DELASSE FRENCH MARTYR.

German Press Comments on Resignation of French Official.

Berlin (via Tuckerton), Oct. 14.—The newspapers here made only brief mention on the resignation of Theophile Delcasse, as the French foreign minister. They call him one of the instigators of the war.

The Yousische Zeitung tersely states that M. Delcasse tried to save his face by seizing upon the Saloniki question as a pretext for resigning. "The resignation, while, as a matter of fact, the general failure of his war plans was the true cause of his disappearance from politics. All the papers point out that Delcasse's illness followed closely on the collapse of the quadruple entente's Balkan policy and their Dardanelles campaign. They point out that the chief of command of the Bulgarian forces says that Serbia's fate is sealed and that the present war situation justifies the most sanguine hopes of the German."

The Berliner Tageblatt gives as its opinion that M. Delcasse was sacrificed by the French cabinet in order to save the other ministers.

MONEY COMING TO WASHINGTON

Business Men Join "Optimists' Chorus" and Local Funds Being Circulated.

COUNT ON BUSY WINTER

Factories Running to Capacities and Salesmen Cannot Promise Early Supplies of Merchandise.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Washington business men are crowding to join the "optimists' chorus" in the "good business" cry voiced first in The Herald yesterday morning.

"Looks good; looks very good; looks fine—they all get to the last characterization before they have reviewed the situation at any great length.

"Money comes to Capital. "Money is coming into Washington from the outside, and money that has remained inactive in Washington for two years is commencing to circulate," declared Judson D. Cobb, assistant manager of one of the largest Washington hotels. "Mind you," he warned, "I don't mean to say that Washington is a bonanza, or that I expect it will be when the season really starts, but we are beginning to get business in Washington hotels which we didn't get last year of the year before; our list of reservations indicates we will have much business during the depression period of, and, barring a complete reversal in the apparent sentiment of the country, we are assured of an exceptionally good winter."

Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, gave The Herald the following summary of the business situation:

"As far as the purchasing which usually comes at this time of year, heavier clothing and winter outfitting—present hot spell and the uncertain weather is acting as a brake; people are not inclined to buy heavy clothing while light fabrics cling to their limbs as in midsummer. However, every one feels that business is going to be good, exceptionally good, this winter. This feeling obtains everywhere.

"I was talking to a Chicago man only this morning, and he told me he had found every section of the country he had visited in the past three months. Following the publication of the optimistic statement of The Herald this morning, I made it my business to supplement my usual inquiries as fully as possible, and I found that every one seemed to be talking 'good business'.

"All Think Prospects Good. "I had hardly settled in my seat in the barber chair when I was told of a telegram a salesman had shown the barber that morning from a large manufacturing firm in the Middle West—not war munitions, but a firm manufacturing to take any orders for delivery before the middle of November, and urging him, whenever possible, to delay delivery beyond that date, saying that the factory was working to capacity and couldn't handle its orders expeditiously.

"He has talked with people in many different lines of trade, I have heard a responsible man yet who didn't think prospects were very good."

"It looks good and it is good—as a prospect, but I don't see it away; we're not entirely out of the woods yet," declared E. J. McQuade, vice president of a big retail wine and liquor establishment. "Of course, the hot winter at this season is knocking things up a bit but the general outlook is excellent. All retailers are planning for a busy winter as far as I can ascertain. I know we are."

CHANGING NAVAL ENGINES. Curtis Turbines on Four Ships Prove Unsatisfactory.

The estimates for the next fiscal year now being prepared at the Navy Department will include items for new engines for four vessels. These are the battleships North Dakota, the scout cruiser Salem, and the destroyers Henley and Mayhew.

All these vessels are equipped with Curtis turbines, installed by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, and have proven unsatisfactory. The North Dakota's engines have been a source of serious difficulty ever since that vessel was put in commission and have constantly interfered with her service.

The Fore River company is changing engines on two destroyers it is building—the Duncan and the Downes. These engines are of the same type as the ones accepted by the navy. The company is also making a change in the engines of the new battleship Nevada for similar reasons. The Navy Department does not bear any of the expense of the changes, but will have to pay for the new engines. It will advertise for bids for installing the new engines in these four vessels.

SWISS TO HOLD FESTIVAL. Annual Affair Will Be at Old Masonic Temple.

Preparations are being made by the United Swiss societies of the District for their annual festival in the Old Masonic Temple on November 17 at 8:30 p. m. The central committee, composed of representatives from the four societies, is composed of J. Bruegger, chairman; Mrs. M. Schmidt, vice chairman; Mrs. Pauline Holer, secretary; J. Edloff, treasurer; Ed S. Schmidt, J. Rickenbacher, T. Picard, E. Sychrowsky, G. Kries, J. Mettler, Mrs. Charles Fuglistner, Mrs. W. J. Cain, Mrs. A. Engels, Miss Sina Suter, C. Fuglistner, A. Tamagni, J. Furrer, O. Baldwara, F. C. Luitli, and Mr. Zuber.

The four organizations represented are the Washington Gruevli Verein, Die Stauffacher, Union Helvetica and the Swiss Benevolent Association.

GOLF BY EAR. Congressman Claude Weaver, of Oklahoma, smiled the other evening when the conversation at a social affair turned to golf. He said he was rendered in an appropriate story.

Count Henri de Vogue Dies. Paris, Oct. 14.—Count Henri de Vogue, son of the late Viscount Melchior de Vogue, is dead from wounds received in battle, a number of years ago.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Say Women Will Vote After War



Political equality for the women of America. I trust it will pass triumphantly at all your State elections." Lord Aberdeen, honored a score of times by two Kings, received his new title of marquis last January in recognition of his work for the crown in Ireland and Scotland. He was succeeded a few months ago by Lord Wimborne, captain of the British polo team, which carried back the cup to England last year. Lady Aberdeen has long been a commanding figure in the social and official life of the British empire. Because of her intense interest in the welfare of the poor, Lady Aberdeen was given the title of "Lady Infinitum" by Mr. Gladstone when her husband received his appointment to Ireland. She founded the Irish Industries Association, is president of the Ontario and Upward Association for Girls and Mothers, of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, the Parents' Educational Association, and the Women's Industrial Council. In 1907, Queen's University, at Kingston, Canada, conferred the degree LL. D. upon her.

When Will Halloween Be Celebrated? Small Boys of City Want to Know

Halloween is due to fall on October 31, but the date being Sunday, consensus of opinion has it that the celebration shall be on Saturday or Monday, or both, preferably the latter, for those who still retain a belief in the goblins and spirits of the season.

What the small boys of the District will celebrate with, will not be decided until the morning after, as gates are more or less a thing of the past, the tearing up of crossbones is a matter for dynamite and picks, and the carrying of lanterns is not a thing of the past, and probably its fate has indexed the card.

It is very likely night patrols will be increased or even doubled with special policemen. One night a year is worthy of careful planning by the department, but two nights, with a period of rest and re-connoitering between, and the "cops" are in a quandary.

The Elks' Club will observe the date Saturday, as will the Monticello Social Club, the Home Club, of the Interior Department, will conduct a masquerade party on the same night. The Columbia Country Club will go in for the occasion both on Saturday and Monday.

Other clubs and social organizations have straw rides planned for before and after the actual Halloween.

ASK EARLY RELEASE OF TOYS HELD IN HOLLAND

Britain May Expedite Shipments of Goods from Germany Ordered Before March 1, 1915.

The foreign trade advisers of the State Department are endeavoring to have the British government expedite the procedure with regard to the release of certain goods of German origin purchased by American importers and now held in Holland on the ground that they are needed for the Christmas trade in the United States and must therefore be released. It is understood that a large portion of the goods in Holland, with a total value of more than \$100,000, are toys and other articles for the American Christmas trade.

Officials yesterday pointed out that American importers must not expect that releases of goods would follow within a few days after the presentation of their applications at the British Embassy here. The procedure is for applications in Holland of implied contract of date of March 1, 1915, or before, to be filed with the foreign trade advisers. These officials check up the evidence submitted to show the existence of an implied contract before March 1, and then transmit the applications to the British Embassy. Applications are similarly checked there, and then forwarded to London with recommendation for favorable action. This procedure requires considerable time.

CHARGES OF BIGAMY 'FRAME-UP,' SAYS COUNT

Former Captain in Kaiser's Army Declares Newspaper Caused Arrest. Officials Say Not.

New York, Oct. 14.—Count Max Lynar Louden, formerly a captain in the German army, was arraigned in Tombs Court today charged with bigamy. He declared he was "dastardly frame-up," and while leading her up to the ice cream parlor and angel he started to reel off several thousand words about his favorite game.

"The only objection that I have to this," he interrupted the pretty girl, "is that at times it becomes rather tiresome."

"Why, Miss Jones," wonderingly rejoined the enthusiast, "I thought I understood you to say that you did not play golf."

LAWYERS ASSAIL INCOME TAX LAW

"Withholding" Clause Under Heavy Fire in U. S. Supreme Court.

MAY BE HELD INVALID

Statute Attacked as Discriminatory and in Nature of Class Legislation.

The "withholding clause" of the Federal income tax law is under heavy fire in the United States Supreme Court, and some of the government counsel admit that they would not be surprised if the court held that feature to be unconstitutional.

Otherwise the law seems to be withstanding successfully attacks from eminent legal counsel. The lawyers who are attacking the law have admitted in open court that they are not contending that an income tax as such is unconstitutional. But they charge that the present law is a discriminatory statute and therefore a class legislation and that the operation of the "withholding clause" under which the government appears to be taking private property for public use without just compensation is in violation of the due process clause of the Federal Constitution and that feature ought to fail. The contention from the bench was not favorable to the law in the arguments yesterday. Julian T. Davies, of New York, had explained how a corporation might withhold the tax of one of its bondholders not knowing that he was exempt, choosing between that risk and the greater one of incurring cumulative penalties for not so doing, and then learn that the bondholder was exempt, discovering that it could not recover from the government because it could not sue for the benefit of the bondholder nor compel him to sue. In the case of a corporation like the Union Pacific Railroad Company, which guarantees its bonds free of taxation of any kind, the corporation would reimburse the stockholder and at the same time close the amount it had paid in to the government.

Chief Justice White asked if the attorney meant to say that the government was doing that sort of thing. The attorney replied that it was doing precisely that thing. "Preposterous," replied the Chief Justice. "I never heard of such a thing." It was pointed out in court yesterday that under the withholding clause the corporations in many instances were expending as high as \$30,000 a year in clerical help in any effort to collect the government's taxes from its customers, and it was maintained that as discrimination in that it taxed the

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This amounted to a "taking" by the government without compensation. The efforts of attorneys to attack the graduated sur tax as unconstitutional because it was a graduated tax and an arbitrary and discriminatory tax, were cut short by the Chief Justice, who told the attorneys that the Supreme Court had upheld the graduated tax in the inheritance tax case of *Kawit*. William D. Guthrie attacked the law as discriminatory in that it taxed the accumulated profits of a partnership of the individual taxpayers higher than it did those of the corporation engaged in the same line of business and exactly under the circumstances.

German General Failed; Removed.

London, Oct. 14.—Gen. von Eichhorn, one of the German generals in the eastern theater of war, is reported to have been removed from command because of his failure to surround the Russian army which retreated from Vilna.



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